

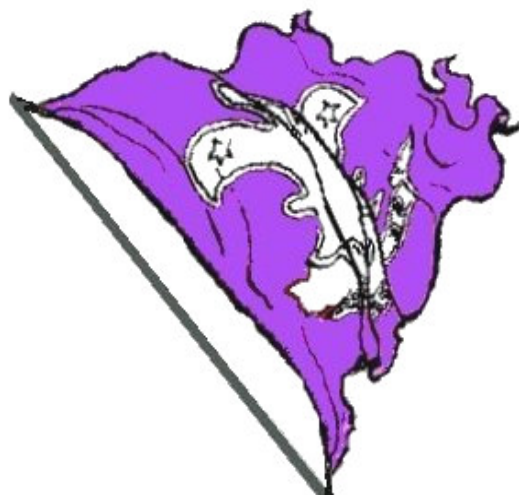
Western Cape

SCaR

Bulletin No 11 November 2008



STRATEGY  
ACHIEVING  
OUR MISSION



# The end is only the Beginning



Olave Baden Powell 1957

*Will there ever be world  
Peace and Goodwill to all?*

*Merry Christmas*





# Cubs

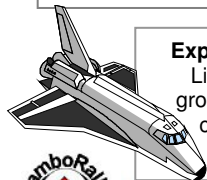
In the  
NEWS



**Cubs having fun** on Sat 24 May at the Kanonkop Cub R-Don Durbanville, with the theme 'Jungle Book'. 1<sup>st</sup> Durbanville won, but DK were tug-o-war champs.



**'Cubs & Scouts Put Their Promise Into Action'** was the headline of the local 1<sup>st</sup> Pinelands community newspaper during June, as Cubs and Scouts throughout the Cape and country rallied to support the unfortunate situation of the foreign refugees, by collecting much needed items. **'Cubs Celebrate 80 Years'** also featured as 1<sup>st</sup> Pinelands celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, having started in the Uitvlugt forester's house on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1928. The photo shows today's Pack. *Theo Rijs*



**Experience Floating in Space**  
Lie flat on your back on the ground and watch / look at the clouds above. Soon you will be spinning out of control.



Saturday 27 September

Kanonkop **Cub Camp** Hawequas 8-10 August - 'Around the world in 80 days' had Cubs visiting many countries of activities, to even making their own potjiekos. *CdWit*



## 22nd World Scout Jamboree

The **22<sup>nd</sup> World Scout Jamboree** will take place on the fields of Rinkaby (Swedish meaning 'Village of Champions'), near Kristianstad in southern **Sweden** 27 July to 7 August **2011**. The theme will be 'Simply Scouting' and cost is guesstimated at present around R18 000. Start saving now for this lifetime adventure!



### WORLD SCOUTING CENSUS FIGURES

1922	1 <sup>st</sup> Census	1 million
1939	members	3 million
1947	members	4 million
1952	members	5 million
1957	members	7 million
1962	members	9 million
1968	members	11 million
1972	members	13 million
1979	members	15 million
2004	members	28 million
2007	members	30 million



### Did you Know...

If a **statue** in a park of a famous person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in a battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in a battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, then the person died of natural causes.



"We were up at 4am packing wet rained tents, having breakfast and getting organised to depart by bus to Schiphol Airport. It was a sad goodbye to our Dutch hosts as the busses left Buitenzorg Camp. On arrival at the airport, we received packed lunches from the Dutch for the trip to the UK Jamboree site. We took off at 9.45am set our watches back an hour and landed an hour later at 9.55am at Heathrow. We were in the air for an hour and ten minutes, but **time travelling** wise, we had only taken 10 minutes to fly from Holland to England - this was extremely weird and absolutely mind-boggling! Previously to Cairo we had to go forward two hours, then back two hours again to Holland. One Scout even said that if we had kept going right around the world and landed back in Holland, we would have arrived there yesterday."

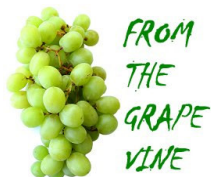
<http://www.scouting.org.za/capewest/latest/scars.html>

**WESTERN CAPE Scouts Cubs and Rovers SCAR**





**Sea Scout Regatta's** are held regularly each year at the Sea Scout Base in Sandvlei. A Regatta is a competition comprising a series of boat races on a specific day. Sea Scout Groups race against each other in Saldanha dinghies. There are 2 races, rowing (pulling) and sailing, each divided into junior and senior crews. The events are loads of fun and usually draw a crowd of spectators. Sailing is not just for Sea Scouts! There are Land Scouts who attend courses at the base and become qualified helmsmen every year. Boats are available to hire to those who have qualified, and there have been occasions where land crews have competed in Regattas. If you would like to enter and get involved, contact the Sea Scout Base at Sandvlei. Results from 2 Regatta's: Sun 20 April 1<sup>st</sup> Bergvliet won all pulling and sailing events, ending as overall winners with 1<sup>st</sup> Muizenberg 2<sup>nd</sup>. Then Sun 18 May was pulling only due to no wind, 1<sup>st</sup> Muizenberg took Junior while 1<sup>st</sup> Blaauwberg took Senior. *Robert Callanan*



FROM  
THE  
GRAPE  
VINE

ATS Quintin Combrink of 1<sup>st</sup> Monte Vista represented the SA Scout Association at the 10<sup>th</sup> World Youth Forum and 38<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference in Korea held during mid July.

ATS Reneé Hampshire of 1<sup>st</sup> Muizenberg has been appointed as our new **Provincial Manager** at Scout HQ from 4 August.

A Few girl and boy Senior **Scouts from Poland** have visited Sea Point Western Cape Friday 8 to Sunday 10 August. They enjoyed a run up Table Mountain, visit to Cape Point and ended with a braai after the Regatta at Sandvlei.

The **Rover Hawkeye** was held on Sat 30 August with the Bubbling Billy cookout competition at 1<sup>st</sup> Strand Hall. Well done to the 1<sup>st</sup> Bothasig Rovers walking off with the coveted Trophy.



**Ed 'Beaver' Rose** Ex-National Commissioner Rovers, over 75 years Scouting Service, holder of the Silver Protea and Springbok, went home 29 July. Ed met BP in person in the 1930's!



**One World One Promise**  
2007 AUGUST 8 AUGUST 2008

**One World One Dream**



SA achieved 1 Silver Medal at the Olympics and at the Paralympics 21 Gold, 3 Silver and 6 Bronze.

Our **Provincial Orienteering** took place at Rhodes Memorial on Sat 16 Aug with 35 teams. Points were plotted on a map of the area, then physically found within a time limit, leaving Scouts frantically running around. With so many taking part, this was a great advert to Scouting! Thanks Devon Bowen for all the organising and all who assisted. Top 3 Results Senior: 2<sup>nd</sup> Fish Hoek, 2<sup>nd</sup> Somerset West, 1<sup>st</sup> Table View. Junior: 1<sup>st</sup> Bothasig, then 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> was 2<sup>nd</sup> Fish Hoek. Start honing your compass skills now for next year. *Brendan Dale*



**Rovers** gather with Prince Charles at their **Provincial AGM** Sunday 6 July.



Excellent weather, activities & food led to a magical day for 28 (now with new Tahl Berry & Barbara Pringle – her 2<sup>nd</sup> WB)

Wood Badge holders at our annual **Gilwell Reunion** on Sat 6 Sep Gilray Campsite



"Then we were off on luxury busses for a day out with **Friesland Scouts**. On route, we were told the story about Great Pier (the man who saved Friesland from the Hollanders and why Friesland is now not really part of Holland) as well as "*Friesland boppen*" (is the best). We stopped at the home of the Commissioner to the Queen Mr Ed Nijpels, who had Friesland cake and tea laid on for us. Mr Nijpels was most impressed when some of us greeted him with "*Friesland boppen*" and we presented him with a valuable SA Contingent scarf. Then it was off to 'Froskepolle' near the capital Leeuwarden, for an '11 city tour day of games' with Friesland Scouts. On arrival, we met and divided into 11 groups for lunch with each city of bread, cold meat, wors and milk. The rest of the day was spent rotating playing various games or skills with the theme of Elfstedentocht. Some activities with small prizes offered; a clog (Dutch wooden shoes) running obstacle course, Bear face pancake making, souvenirs to buy, free cool drinks / tea / coffee with free souvenir mugs from the Girl Scouts, remote feeding, Frisbee throw, archery, water balloon volleyball, tile painting, raft building and boating, ending in a chaotic tug-o-war with teams in all directions. A hearty stew supper with a jolly-join-in campfire next to the river (a great setting) followed, learning a new song; "*Mine hoed die het vier duiken, vier duiken het mine hoed, en het hy nie vier duiken, dan wast hy niet mine hoed!*" Then a very sad farewell with each receiving a 'Meet & Greet a Scout Guide' little booklet from the Friesland Scouts, in preparation for the Jamboree in England. A memorable and extremely exciting day of making friends and simply having fun together as Scouts."





# Remembrance Day - 11 November

Why should we as members of Scouting celebrate Remembrance / Armistice / Veterans Day? At 11h00 on 11th November 1918 the guns fell silent ending (what was then thought) "The War to end all Wars" World War 1. A Two Minute Silence was observed in 1919, after the British Cabinet received a letter from the well-known South African, Sir Percy Fitzpatrick (whose son was killed in battle in France during 1917), that was sent to King George V. The King then sent a personal request to the media, public and private sectors, requesting everyone where possible to remain silent for two minutes at exactly the time and date of 11h00 on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1919 and every year thereafter, to remember military veterans and soldiers who have served and died in action or training in all wars. In 1998, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, proclaimed this an internationally recognised event in all civilised countries.



Since 1922, there has been an Honour Guard of Queen's Scouts (and formerly King's Scouts) flanking the door from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office to the Cenotaph in London, UK. There are no remaining written records in The UK Scout Association archives to tell us precisely the history of the first Honour Guard, but it is probable that the King's Scouts were there at the request of King George V himself. So, what exactly did Scouts do in the First and Second World Wars that qualifies them to mount an Honour Guard at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office to this day, and to stand to attention in front of the Queen, the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and all the representatives of Commonwealth countries as they file past? Well, for a start, an enormous number of Scouts served in the armed forces, police force, coast guard, and fire service since 1908, and have been highly valued by their regiments and squadrons for their prior knowledge and training. Many Scouts served in ambulance units, air raid patrols, and other services.



By the end of the World War 2 more than 60,000 Scouts had been awarded the National Service Badge for their work at home. They had worked as First Aid orderlies, signallers, telephonists, Air Raid Precaution (ARP) messengers, stretcher-bearers, Coast Watch, Home Guard instructors and Rest Centre assistants. They had made camouflage nets, helped evacuate thousands of younger children from bombed city centres, harvested millions of tons of food and animal fodder, chopped wood on a massive scale (around 600,000 hours), and salvaged glass, metal and rubber for re-use. However, it was the service performed by Scouts during air raids and the Blitz on London that showed outstanding courage and application of the words of the Scout Promise and Law. 80 young Scouts were given Scouting gallantry medals, and in London, Coventry and Liverpool the Silver Cross (Scouting) was awarded to entire Troops. Individual Scouts were awarded the George Medal and George Cross. Fifteen Scouts just old enough to serve in the forces were awarded the Victoria Cross. One particular service Scouts gave to London was guiding fire engines in from the outskirts of the city by the quickest routes to blazing buildings.



When they couldn't get any closer to the fires because of the danger, the Scouts provided First Aid treatment and a barricade to stop others getting too close. In an air raid on Manchester, Scouts rushed burned and wounded firemen to hospital and returned to the scene to carry on their First Aid work. In many cases, older Scouts took over from Leaders who had joined up or been killed, in order to keep Troops together. That's just a small indication of the support and service given by Scouts at a time when their skills, training and team-spiritedness were called upon constantly. The uniform made them instantly recognisable as individuals who could be trusted to give directions or provide a focus in a crisis, such as an air raid. So, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month every year, Scouts march at the tail of the procession of veterans, alongside Guides and members of the Boys' Brigade who have also provided civilian services to the public. From the 1930s until the late 1950s, London's Rover Scouts had their own service and procession past the Cenotaph, and thousands came from all over the country to march.

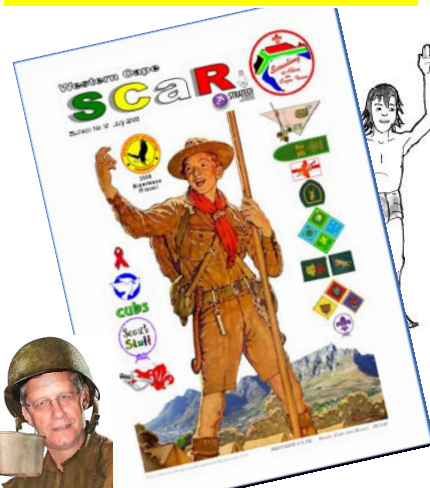
## SCaR Edition 10

Hit the streets in July 2008



Remembrance Day for Scouts isn't about marching like soldiers or glorifying war. It's about representing fellow Scouts who 'did their best' in frightening and dangerous circumstances for the sake of their community and their country.

**"What we can do as Scouts** is to get this idea of two minutes silence at 11h00 on 11 November across to parents, schools, churches and encourage our communities to observe this act of remembrance." A dying soldier once said:  
**"When you go home, tell them of us and say  
 'For your tomorrow, we gave our today.'"**



Send News / Comments to  
 Andre Foot [footaf@telkom.co.za](mailto:footaf@telkom.co.za)